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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

After according a filing date to the above-identified 53(b) Continuation Application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert as the first line of the specification following the Cross Reference to Related Application:

--The present application is a continuation application of United States Patent Application No. 09/327,814 filed June 8, 1999, ^{now US Patent 6,200,604,} the benefit of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete original claims 1-13 and add the following new claims:

14. A solid pharmaceutical dosage form adapted for direct oral administration across the oral mucosa comprising:

a pharmaceutically effective amount of an orally administerable medicament; wherein said orally administerable medicament is not substantially encompassed by or dispersed in a

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